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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE \_\_\_\_ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 21 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some \* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

### Attachment(s)

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). 1

2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_.

6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Bobo, II.

Note “facsimile device” (see line 37 of column 4), “plurality of selectable capture modes to capture electronic documents” (see line 64-65 of column 5), “transmit the captured electronic document across the network transparently as part of performing a facsimile transmission or reception of the electronic documents” (function of 104 of figure 4a) and “archiving device to receive and store the captured electronic documents” (internet server) as claimed in claim 20.

Claims 1-19 are allowable over prior art of record.

Claim 21 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not teach or render obvious “automatic capture mode” and “manual capture mode” in the specified combinations as claimed in 1-19 and 21.

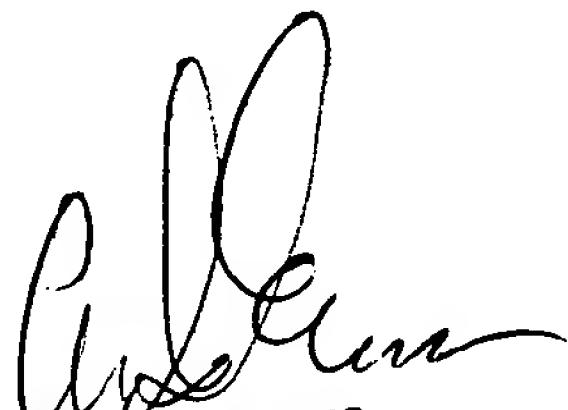
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Art Evans whose telephone number is (703) 305-9653.

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Amendment/Response (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Express Mail No.: \_\_\_\_\_  Check No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appeal Brief (\_\_\_\_ pgs.) (in triplicate)  \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s) Extension of Time  Amt: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application - Utility (\_\_\_\_ pgs., with cover and abstract)  **XX** Information Disclosure Statement & PTO 149 (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Check No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application - Rule 1.53(b) Continuation (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Issue Fee Transmittal  
 Application - Rule 1.53(b) Divisional (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Notice of Appeal  
 Application - Rule 1.53(b) CIP (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Petition for Extension of Time  
 Application - Rule 1.53(d) CPA Transmittal (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Petition for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application - Design (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  **XX** Postcard  
 Application - PCT (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Power of Attorney (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  
 Application - Provisional (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Preliminary Amendment (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  
 Assignment and Cover Sheet  Reply Brief (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  
 Certificate of Mailing  Response to Notice of Missing Parts  
 Declaration & POA (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Small Entity Declaration for Indep. Inventor/Small Business  
 Disclosure Docs & Orig & Copy of Inventor's Signed Letter (\_\_\_\_ pgs.)  Transmittal Letter, in duplicate  
 Drawings: \_\_\_\_\_ # of sheets includes \_\_\_\_\_ figures  Fee Transmittal, in duplicate

**XX** Other: copies of cited art (5).